

## Developmentally Informed Policy and Practice Research Lab

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The Developmentally Informed Policy and Practice Lab is engaged in research and scholarship regarding effective and culturally-informed public policies and clinical practices with a focus on adolescence and emerging adulthood. The group's work includes research on issues relevant to forensic psychology practice as well as on adolescents and young adults who have engaged in sexually abusive behaviors. Given the high rates of traumatic exposure in juvenile and adult forensic populations, we also are engaged in research that explores the impact of traumatic experiences on attitudes, behavior, risk, and justice system processing. Our goal is to inform assessment, treatment, prevention, and justice system responses that are: (1) developmentally-sensitive, (2) culturally-relevant, and (3) empirically-based.

You will be expected to attend weekly lab meetings throughout your participation in the research group (including your dissertation year) as well as additional small group meetings. You will be expected contribute to research group activities (eventually including your own projects) for a total of about 8-10 hours per week. Most of the work you do for the research group will be able to be completed on a schedule of your choosing. Please also review our website (link posted above) for information about our projects.

Duties for the research group may include preparing brief statistics or literature review presentations for the research group in addition to contributing to ongoing projects and/or other projects that may be developed. Students may be involved in the preparation of non-empirical publications (e.g., chapters solicited for inclusion in edited books) and will be encouraged to develop proposals for empirical research using existing datasets or involving original data collection. The lab is open to formulating new study ideas.

Students in the DIPP Lab are required to submit a conference presentation or publication by December of their 3<sup>rd</sup> year.

### **How to Apply:**

Students interested in applying should send the following to Dr. Fanniff at [afanniff@paloaltou.edu](mailto:afanniff@paloaltou.edu):

- Cover letter (2 pages max) that includes (1) your research interests, (2) a brief description of your career goals (e.g., professor, clinician, etc.) and populations of interest (e.g., adult offenders, juvenile offenders, sex offenders), (3) a description of

how the DIPP Lab might contribute to your research and career goals, and (4) any software in which you are particularly skilled (e.g., MPlus, SPSS, etc.)

- Current Curriculum Vitae
- Unofficial transcript
- Writing samples: the first version and the current version of your first year Research Methods proposal and up to one additional writing sample that best conveys your writing ability, preferably a research paper.

**Selection:**

Applicants will first meet with current members of the juvenile forensic research group. In addition to providing an initial interview, you can also use this opportunity to learn more about the research group to determine if this group is a good fit for you. Based on your application materials and the feedback resulting from the first round of interviews, Dr. Fanniff will interview a select group of highly qualified applicants. New group members will be selected based on merit and degree of fit regarding research interests.